

Are You Ready for AusChem Training and Assessment?

AusChem is aware that clients require options when learning and being assessed. We offer:

- **face- to-face teaching and assessment,**
- **self paced learning** with the resources being provided prior to assessment to enable clients to learn at their own pace, and
- **workplace learning and assessment,** a flexible arrangement negotiated with your preferred Trainer/ Assessor to allow delivery of training content and assessment to occur in the work environment.

To be assessed as competent to receive AusChem Accreditation you must obtain the three Level III Units of Competency—RTC3704A; RTC3705A and RTC3401A.

If a client does not fully meet the required performance standards then the client may be assessed at a lower level until they obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the Level III requirements. In this situation the client may be eligible for a Statement of Attainment for the level achieved (e.g. RTC2706A-Apply Chemicals Under Supervision).

AusChem Specialist Courses

Farmsafe Queensland Training is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Specialist courses include Work Health and Safety AgVet Chemical Risk Management; Risk Management in Pesticide Application for Sugarcane; Risk Management in Pesticide Application for Nursery & Amenity Horticulture; Risk Management in Pesticide Application for Tree Crops; and Risk Management in Pesticide Application for Cotton & Grain.

AusChem & ACDC

A Commercial Operators Licence is required under the Agricultural Chemical Distribution Control Act (ACDC) by persons who apply herbicides from ground equipment onto commercial land, public land and some agricultural land. There are a number of situations and legal obligations under the Act where a licence is required.

Operators, who apply herbicides in Declared Hazardous Area Zones, established by DEEDI, require a Commercial Operators Licence. Please consult with the local DEEDI office regarding your obligations.

Successful completion of a AusChem accredited course includes the units of competency necessary to enable an Ag/Vet chemical user to apply to DEEDI for a Commercial Operators Licence (ACDC).

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Preparing for Chemical Training & Assessment

AusChem Accreditation helps meet obligations

National Competency Training Levels

How to obtain AusChem Accreditation



Introducing AusChem Training Qld

AusChem Training Qld is a wholly owned subsidiary of Farmsafe Queensland Limited.

AusChem offers a comprehensive range of Agricultural and Veterinary chemical training to rural industry, local utilities and other commercial users.

AusChem Accreditation

- is recognised as the national industry standard for safe registered pesticide use;
- ensures users of pesticides are competent;
- is supported by government, industry and the community;
- enables users to meet regulatory requirements for access to registered pesticides and to comply with registered pesticide use legislation, as well as meet obligations under industry quality assurance programs;
- allows primary producers to obtain the skills and knowledge to meet food safety standards for both National and International markets;
- is based on the endorsed national competencies and on accredited training and assessment.
- is delivered by Trainer/Assessors who have met the rigorous requirements of AusChem and the Trainer's RTO in relation to the Australian Quality Training Framework requirements; and.
- AusChem accreditation is valid for 5 years.

What levels of competency does AusChem offer?

Clients with minimal chemical skills and knowledge start at:

- Level 1—work under direct supervision
- Level 2—work under routine supervision with routine checking.

AusChem Accreditation starts at Level III

- Level 3—Operator: performs routine tasks without supervision
- Level 4—Supervisor level
- Level 5— Manager level



Participants perfecting skill of correctly fitting a respirator

- AusChem Operator Accreditation will only be awarded to those participants who have successfully demonstrated competence in at least these Level III units -
RTC3704A—Prepare and Apply Chemicals,
RTC3705A—Transport Handle and Store Chemicals
RTC3401A— Control Weeds.
- To be assessed as competent a client must also obtain 100% in both Label Interpretation and Equipment Calibration.
- Other related elements of competency, from the National Training Packages, are also available if required.

Options for obtaining AusChem

1. For those clients with some prior knowledge of AgVet chemical use, attend a full training and assessment course (2 days); or
2. Apply for reaccreditation by attending a refresher training and assessment course. This is appropriate for those who can demonstrate significant prior knowledge or evidence, for example AusChem or other evidence of competency; or
3. Apply for reaccreditation by RPL (recognition of prior learning, skills and/or competency). This would include completing written assessments, providing evidence of skills and knowledge, including photographic evidence, testimonials and evidence of current practices, such as chemical registers, spraying records, PPE and plant maintenance, etc; or
4. Apply for reaccreditation by assessment only. For example, a workplace assessment which may include assessing the candidates chemical application and safety practices, including an audit of equipment and application records by the assessor. This assessment would include written and verbal assessment of the candidates skills and knowledge in a face-to-face assessment situation.

Students, Trainees or those clients with minimal prior knowledge of Ag/Vet chemical usage may require considerably more time to achieve AusChem. Training and assessment may be conducted over several weeks or months.

Please discuss these options and any learning support/literacy and numeracy needs with your preferred AusChem Trainer/Assessor prior to any planned sessions of formal training and/or assessment.